

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A method comprising:
receiving an alpha value, wherein the alpha value indicates how a video signal and a graphics signal are to be combined; and
adjusting a flicker filter based upon the alpha value.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising:
comparing the alpha value to a ~~predetermined~~ threshold value to arrive at a result; and
adjusting a filter level of the flicker filter in response to the result.

Claim 3 (currently amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising:
subtracting the alpha value from the ~~predetermined~~ threshold value to arrive at a second result.

Claim 4 (original): The method of claim 3, further comprising:
dividing the second result by an alpha step value to arrive at a third result; and
adjusting the filter level based on the third result.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The method of claim 2, further comprising:
turning off the flicker filter when the ~~predetermined~~ threshold value exceeds the alpha value.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The method of claim 2, further comprising:
adjusting the filter level when the alpha value exceeds the ~~predetermined~~ threshold value.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The method of claim 2, further comprising:
turning off the flicker filter when the graphics ~~image~~ signal to be displayed with the video ~~image~~ signal is substantially transparent.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The method of claim ~~[[3]]~~ 2, further comprising:
turning off the flicker filter when the graphics ~~image~~ signal to be displayed with the video ~~image~~ signal has an alpha value that is below the ~~predetermined~~ threshold value.

Claim 9 (original): The method of claim 1, further comprising:

evaluating the graphics signal to produce a threshold value;
comparing the alpha value to the threshold value to arrive at a result; and
adjusting a filter level of the flicker filter in response to the result.

Claim 10 (previously presented) A system comprising:
a controller to associate an alpha value with a signal to be displayed; and
a processor coupled to the controller to execute a software program which includes instructions that if executed enable the system to adjust a flicker filter based upon the alpha value.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The system of claim 10, wherein the flicker filter is adapted to operate at a plurality of levels.

Claim 12 (currently amended) The system of claim 11, wherein the software program further includes instructions that if executed enable the system to:
compare the alpha value to a ~~predetermined~~ threshold value to produce a result; and
adjust one of the plurality of levels of the flicker filter based upon the result.

Claim 13 (previously presented) The system of claim 11, wherein the software program further includes instructions that if executed enable the system to:
evaluate the signal to produce a threshold value;
compare the alpha value to the threshold value to produce a result; and
adjust one of the plurality of levels of the flicker filter based upon the result.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The system of claim 13, wherein the alpha value ~~specifies~~ is to specify how strongly the ~~graphics~~ signal is to be displayed.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The system of claim 12, wherein the flicker filter is turned off when the ~~predetermined~~ threshold value exceeds the alpha value.

Claim 16 (cancel)

Claim 17 (original): An article comprising a medium storing instructions that, upon execution, enable a processor-based system to:
receive an alpha value, wherein the alpha value indicates how a video signal and a graphics signal are to be combined; and
adjust a flicker filter based upon the alpha value.

Claim 18 (currently amended) The article of claim 17, further storing instructions that, upon execution, enable the processor-based system to:

compare the alpha value to a ~~predetermined~~ threshold value to arrive at a result; and
adjust a filter level of the flicker filter based on the result.

Claim 19 (currently amended) The article of claim 18, further storing instructions that, upon execution, enable the processor-based system to subtract the alpha value from the ~~predetermined~~ threshold value to arrive at a second result.

Claim 20 (previously presented) The article of claim 19, further storing instructions that, upon execution, enable the processor-based system to:

divide the second result by an alpha step value to arrive at a third result; and
adjust the filter level based on the third result.

Claim 21 (currently amended) The article of claim 18, further storing instructions that, upon execution, enable the processor-based system to:

turn off the flicker filter when the ~~predetermined~~ threshold value exceeds the alpha value.

Claim 22 (currently amended) The article of claim 18, further storing instructions that, upon execution, enable the processor-based system to:

adjust the filter level when the alpha value exceeds the ~~predetermined~~ threshold value.